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Rosemary Center
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140 Walnut Street
Frankfort, KY 40601

Re: Woodford County Young Democrats

Dear Ms. Center:

The purpose of this letter is to request an advisory opinion with regard to the Woodford County Young Democrats ("WCYD"). Currently, WCYD is an unincorporated association of individuals. The association has adopted the enclosed Constitution and By-laws. The organization is also considering incorporation.

WCYD desires to attract more young people into the democratic party. The members of WCYD encourage people to register as democrats and to get involve with supporting democrat candidates. However, as an organization, WCYD does not expend any money to support the election or defeat of any particular candidate, nor does WCYD spend money to directly support the Democratic Woodford County Executive Committee. Woodford County Young Democrats spend money on the purchase of shirts and other items which state "Woodford County Democrats" or "Central Kentucky Democrats." The organization also hosts business after hours events, events in local parks and intends to provide a \$500.00 scholarship to a high school student who is a registered democrat and otherwise qualifies for the scholarship.

The WCYD would like an opinion on the following issues:

- (1) Is the Woodford County Young Democrat organization an organization which is regulated by the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance?

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- (2) If the Woodford County Young Democrats incorporate as a non-profit political corporation, would this change the opinion of the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance?
- (3) Are there any restrictions upon the amount of contributions, or the person or entity from whom WCYD may accept contributions? For example, may WCYD accept contributions from corporations or political action committees?
- (4) Is there any prohibition against incorporating WCYD?

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Best Regards,

Jonathan L. Gay

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Enclosure